

June 20th, 2016 was a busy night in the CIB. When McArthur came in under arrest, I volunteered to take this investigation as I had been the least busy of the team. I put my other duties aside and began working on it.

The complaint's statement had been taken verbatim and was signed by him in the officer's memo book. The statement was of good quality and I was satisfied with it. The officer who took the statement had been an accredited Domestic Violence investigator.

I took a cautioned, videotaped statement from McArthur. I brought the same officer into the interview with me who took the complaint's statement, so she could help identify any possible inconsistencies.

For obvious reasons I cannot talk about the material that was discussed in these statements. What I can say is that a proper investigation was completed. Based on years of investigative experience, I didn't believe there were grounds to charge McArthur with an offence. I then took my investigation to my supervisor, the on-duty Staff Sergeant, and reviewed it with him. The Staff Sergeant agreed with me and authorized McArthur be released. Since then my permanent supervisor, the 32 Division Detective Sergeant at the time, has also backed my investigation. Contrary to certain media reports that have gone out there, the required supplementary report was completed and available to ALL Toronto police officers to access via a simple name search. In fact, I completed everything before I even went home that night.

I've read in many media stories that McArthur was interviewed in Project Houston due to his connection with one of the missing men. That was news to me because he was not flagged as such on the night of my investigation. In fact I had no idea there had even been a project with respect to missing men from the LGBT community downtown.

In the summer of 2017 Project Prism investigators were aware of my matter. I know this because on September 6th, 2017 I spoke with one of them about it. Nobody appeared to have any concerns with how I handled my investigation.

In December of 2017 the Chief held a press conference and assured the LGBT community that was no evidence of a serial killer on the loose. We now know that was completely untrue. A month later McArthur was arrested for multiple murders. The Chief received a ton of criticism from both the media and the LGBT community for his handling of this.

On February 27th, 2018 the Chief further embarrassed himself in a news article in which he effectively blamed the community by suggesting McArthur would've been caught sooner had people come forward to the police. As you all know, he received even more criticism for this.

Suddenly, the very next day, February 28th, the Chief's former partner and good buddy Hank Idsinga typed a letter to Professional Standards calling my investigation into question. The next week there was a leak by a police source to the media with regards to this. Idsinga then gave multiple interviews to various news personnel announcing misconduct on my part. In one particular interview he went so far as to say there had been 'blatant disregard for policy and procedures'. This before the internal investigation even began.

It is misconduct under the Police Act to speak publicly about internal investigations. I made an inquiry as to what was being done about Idsinga's various comments to the press. I was told that it was the

Chief's inclination not to do anything about it. I asked who was investigating the fact that one of our people leaked confidential information to the media about a high profile case. I was told there would be no such investigation.

On May 8th, while on my days off, I was called into the station and suspended from duty. While being suspended, I was told to return in 24 hours and the suspension would be lifted. I asked what the reason was for this one day suspension. The response I got was "I don't know". The next day I returned and was reinstated. I was then immediately removed from my platoon and reassigned to administrative duties at another unit. I was not however, charged with anything under the Police Act.

Months went by and still nothing. My lawyer tried numerous times to get an answer as to what was being done with me, to no avail.

Finally in late September, I received notice that the Service wanted to charge me. However they missed the 6 month window required to lay a Police Act charge, and actually had the nerve to ask me if I would waive the 6 month period so they could go after me. Needless to say I said no. The Service then went to the Police Services Board and got special permission to lay charges against me. And here we are.

The past year has taken a tremendous toll on me both personally and professionally. There have been many sleepless nights thinking about McArthur's unspeakable crimes, his victims and their families, and the fact that my employer has effectively set me up to be their fall guy for all this. Simply because they need a scapegoat. As was reported by the Toronto Sun, it became overwhelming and I eventually sought professional help. I have since been diagnosed with depression and PTSD and have been off work for some time now. The Toronto Police Service is well aware of this. Apparently they don't care for their members' mental health as much as they claim to – pushing this matter before the Tribunal and in front of the media while I'm still off work and undergoing treatment. I do however, look forward to defending these charges and having the entire truth come out for the public and my colleagues to see.